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Are you curious about what's going on in State Fire Training? We frequently post updates, upcoming events, and information to the front page.

While you're there...

Check out the Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) section. STEAC is the advisory group for State Fire Training, and the minutes for each quarterly meeting are posted so you can look at what's being discussed. STEAC provides representation from the following organizations:

- California Fire Chiefs Association (CFCA)
- CFCA Training Officers North and South
- League of California Cities
- Northern and Southern California Fire Technology Directors
- Metro Chiefs
- Office of Emergency Services – Fire & Rescue Branch
- California Fire Fighters Joint Apprenticeship Committee
- CAL FIRE and Office of the State Fire Marshal
- California State Firefighters Association (CSFA)
- Fire Districts Association of California (FDAC)
- California Professional Firefighters (CPF)

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Upcoming Event

Training Officers Fall Symposium

November
Fresno

Regional Instructor Orientation

Register now!

We just finished scheduling the Regional Instructor Orientation classes for the upcoming fiscal year. The classes are posted on our website in the Class Schedule. Take a look there for dates and locations. Please be aware that they fill up fast!

For those of you who have never heard of Regional Instructor Orientation (RIO), it is a mandatory 1-day class for anyone who is interested in applying to become a registered instructor with State Fire Training. During the course of the 6 hours you spend with us, we walk you through a little of the history of State Fire Training, discuss the current goings on, and then delve into how to work within our system and what is expected of you as a registered instructor. When you become a registered instructor, we consider you an ambassador of State Fire Training, so the information you will receive in this class is invaluable. Our target audience is qualified individuals who are interested in applying to be an instructor within the next year. If you are not quite ready to apply, we suggest you hold off on taking this class until you are, since there is a one-year timeframe in which you have to apply to become an instructor after successfully completing RIO.

All Registered Instructors: Ethical Leadership in the Classroom (ELC)

Deadline has Passed

The March 31, 2008 deadline for completing an Ethical Leadership in the Classroom course has passed. If you were a registered instructor and did not complete this course and sign the Instructor Code of Ethics/Conduct, your privileges as an instructor have been revoked.

To become a registered instructor again, you must complete the ELC course and reapply meeting the current requirements outlined in the State Fire Training Procedures Manual (available on our website under Forms and Information). All requirements must be met, with one exception – if you have already completed a Regional Instructor Orientation, it is not necessary to attend this class again. If, however, you originally registered when that was not a requirement and have not taken the course, you will need to complete this requirement as well before you can apply for instructor orientation. There are no exceptions to this requirement, and we do not offer any equivalencies for Ethical Leadership in the Classroom.

Instructor Results

SFT/OES Rescue Systems 2

On February 14, 2008, a special PACE work group was organized to recognize Rescue Systems 2 (RS 2) instructors who had been teaching for the Office of Emergency Services (OES) for the past decade. Chiefs Richwine (State Fire Training) and Hurley (OES) both recognized the operational need to increase the SFT registration of RS 2 instructors to fulfill the expected demand for more classes being funded through the Office of Homeland Security.

Sixty-four applications were submitted and evaluated by RS 2 Senior Instructors from throughout the state. Of those applications, over two-thirds met the minimum State Fire Training instructor requirements and demonstrated that they have been teaching RS 2 for the past three years. Nearly all of the remaining applicants needed to provide letters from senior RS 2 instructors or certificates from a RIO or ELC class. Only two applications were denied based on the documentation that was provided.

Save These Dates

- September 2nd through 5th, 2008 – Continuing Challenge Hazmat Workshop at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Sacramento
- November 10th through 14th – California Fire Chiefs Training Officers Symposium in Fresno

Restructuring of PACE II

Instructor Applications to be Reviewed as they Come In

Beginning April 1, 2008, State Fire Training restructured the process for applying to become a registered instructor. Applications will now be reviewed by staff as they are submitted. The PACE II committee will continue to be utilized for their expertise when considering appeals of denied applications. After reviewing the appeals, they will formulate recommendations for the Division Chief's review. We feel this will streamline the review process for instructor registration and will eliminate the bottleneck created by quarterly reviews. Since this is a new process for us, we are not yet sure what the turn around time will be for reviews, but anticipate that it will take approximately 6-8 weeks from the date you send your application.

If you have any questions regarding the change in process, please contact Sandy Margullis via phone at 916-445-8154 or e-mail at sandy.margullis@fire.ca.gov.

Stay In Touch

Instructors and Students Should Update Contact Information

Any time you relocate, change departments, or retire, please remember to visit our website and complete an instructor update form. We use your contact information to notify you of critical updates and changes in State Fire Training. Instructors, please remember the department contact information you provide is posted to our website unless you specify otherwise. Not an instructor? That's okay – you can use the same form to update your contact information. The form can be found under the Forms and Information section of our website.

We're also working with our Information Technology staff to open the lines of electronic communication with you, so please remember to provide us with your e-mail address as well.



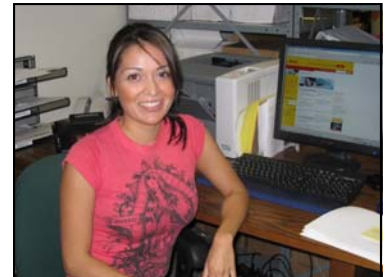
Meet the New Staff

Lainne Schendel is one of three new members to join the SFT team. She came to us from the Caltrans exams unit. Before that, she was a Key Data Operator at Franchise Tax Board. She started out in SFT as our division support person. She is now at the Fire Fighter/EMT processing desk where she gets to help people every day, and that is what she finds most rewarding about the job. She lives with her best friend and is currently attending Sacramento City College to attain her AA degree, on the path to an English degree. She loves to listen to great music, dance, and read fantasy books.



We are also happy to welcome **Monica Miller**. Monica joined us in April as our Office Technician providing division support. Prior to coming to SFT, she worked as a Graduate Student Assistant to the Director at the Office of Statewide Health and Planning Development (OSHPD). During her time at OSHPD, she developed an enthusiasm for working with the public and providing assistance in any way she could. She graduated from CSU, Sacramento with a BA in French and minor in Business Marketing and is now working towards a MFA in Graphic Design through an on-line program with the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. Monica loves to travel and has had the opportunity to visit many countries throughout Western Europe and Northern Africa while spending a year studying abroad in the South of France. On her most recent trip, she toured Japan via the famed "Shinkansen" (bullet train). Her passion is art, and when she's not at home drawing, painting, or designing, she can be found at local museums and galleries gathering inspiration for her next projects.

Last but certainly not least, we added a new student assistant to our team. **IrisSol Lozoya** replaced Jake Richey in the SFT Bookstore. Iris is a student at Cosumnes River College and plans to transfer to Sacramento State in the near future. She enjoys spending time with her 2-year old daughter who is making Mom proud by learning to count. She also likes to watch football, and like Chief Richwine, is an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.



Curriculum Development

Recent Curriculum Projects Initiated or Completed

- ☞ **Chief Officer Certification Training Standards** (CTS) were developed using the NFPA 1021 Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications 2003 Edition as the base document. This CTS covers the training requirements for both Fire Officer and Chief Officer Certification.
- ☞ **Community Risk Officer Certification Training Standards** began development using the NFPA 1035 Standard for Professional Qualifications

for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator 2005 Edition.

- ☞ **Confined Space Rescue Technician course** premiered at the 2007 Training Officers Symposium in Fresno. The new curriculum replaced the old on April 1, 2008. The new course includes an updated instructor guide along with a revised textbook published by CMC Rescue, Inc. State Fire Training issued 10 new Confined Space Technician site approvals and 3 temporary site approvals.
- ☞ **Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator 1A and 1B** curricula are being updated to reflect the information in IFSTA's updated Pumping Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook, Second Edition, and the California Commercial Drivers Handbook.
- ☞ **Fire Command 1C** curriculum is being updated to reflect the information in the updated NWCG and FIRESCOPE manuals that are used in the course.
- ☞ **Fire Instructor 1A, 1B, and 1C** courses are being developed and revised to reflect the new requirements in the Training Officer CTS.
- ☞ **Fire Investigation 1A and 1B** curricula are being updated to reflect the information in the newly adopted student text from NFPA.
- ☞ **Fire Marshal Certification Training Standards** began development using the NFPA 1031 Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner 2003 Edition and the NFPA 1037 Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Marshal 2007 Edition.
- ☞ **Training Officer Certification Training Standards** were developed using the NFPA 1041 Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications 2007 Edition as the base document.

Community Risk Officer Certification Training Standards

New Certification Levels

With the need to update State Fire Training's Public Education Officer 1 course, a task force was formed with Ken Shockley, Fresno Fire Department, as the Task Force Leader. Other members include Brenda Briggs from Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, Brenda Emrick from Costa Mesa Fire Department, Penni Overstreet-Murphy from San Bernardino County Fire, and Steve Knuckles from Morro Bay Fire Department. Reimbursement for travel and per diem for the task force members is provided through grant funds from the Community College Chancellor's Office and the California Public Safety Education Advisory Committee.

The first step before any course work can begin, however, is to develop the certification training standards (CTS) for the related certification track. So the task force kicked off the project in January 2008 by reviewing the NFPA 1035 Standard for Professional Qualifications for Public Fire and Life Safety Educator (2005). To the Task Force's surprise, the NFPA standard includes six levels, starting with Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Specialist I and II, and continuing through Fire Life Safety Educator I, II, and III, and Public Information Officer.

Through monthly workshops, the task force utilized the NFPA 1035 standard along with California-specific criteria and developed the new **Community Risk Officer CTS**. Three levels of certification will comprise the new track and include **Community Risk Educator**, **Community Risk Specialist**, and **Community Risk Officer**.

Once the standard is finalized and approved (anticipated June 2008), curriculum design and development can begin.

California Incident Command Certification System (CICCS)

The first week of April, the CICCS Task Force sent a letter to every fire department in California recommending the adoption of an Incident Qualifications Card (with instructions) and creating a qualifications database using a system such as ICS.

In March, a representative of the Task Force attended the State Board of Fire Services meeting to propose the adoption of the 2006 NWCG 310-1 rather than continue with the 2000 NWCG 310-1 as the base document for CICCS. In addition, the Task Force asked to pursue the creation of a California-specific Qualifications Guide that would take the place of the NWCG 310-1. There were not enough members at this meeting to constitute a quorum; therefore, no decision was made.

The Frequently Asked Questions document has been updated with a number of new questions, many of which concern the proper use of Task Books. The updated FAQ's can be found on the FIREScope web page.

The Task Force will be holding a workshop April 28-30, 2008 to develop the California Incident Qualifications Guide and continue to work on questions that arise from peer review committees and departments.

SFT Presented with R.E.A.C.T. Awards

For Their Work on the Blueprint 2020 Report

Mike Richwine, Alicia Hamilton, and Rodney Slaughter got a nice surprise at the recent STEAC meeting when Fire Marshal Kate Dargan (3rd from left) presented them with the R.E.A.C.T. Award for their work on the Blueprint 2020 Report.

R.E.A.C.T. stands for Recognition of Employee Achievements, Conduct or Talents. Chief Dargan praised each of them and thanked them for their hard work and dedication to this important strategic plan that will guide State Fire Training for many years to come.



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